THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Central plan expenditure during VI and VII Plans and outlay during the VIII Plan for the Health Sector and for the Indian Council of Medical Research are indicated below :—

(Rs. in Crores)

	Total for Health	I.C.M.R.	Percentage of ICMR outlay to total Health Sector outlay
VIth Plan Expenditure . . .	Rs. 603.88	47.98	Rs. 7.8%
VIIth Plan Expenditure . . .	Rs. 971.63	141.48	Rs. 14.5%
VIIIth Plan (Outlay) . .	Rs. 1800.00	125.00	Rs. 6.9%

Research activities are also undertaken by other Institutions in the Health Sector viz. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research, Pondicherry etc. but the outlays for research cannot be segregated from their total budget allocation.

(b) and (c) The major achievements and plans for the Eighth Plan inter-alia include identification of newer and safer methods to control communicable and non-communicable diseases, research on family planning methods and contraceptives, improvement of maternal and child health and adoption of traditional systems of medicine where found efficacious. Some of the major achievements are listed below :

—Development of a short course treatment for Tuberculosis patients ;

—Establishment of a National Sero-surveillance programme for H.I.V. infection enabling forecasting the trend of infection in high risk groups;

—New bio-environmental methods of controlling malaria ;

—Registration for cancer leading to the determination of the pre-dominant cancers affecting men and women i.e. cancer of the oral cavity in men caused by tobacco usage and cervical cancer in women accounting for a third of all the cancers reported in the country;

—Investigations into Bhopal Gas leakage and its short-term and long-term effects on the population;

—Research in traditional medicines inter-alia including treating fistula through non-surgical methods ;

—Publication of an encyclopedia of medicinal plants of India based on scientific studies and the original ayurvedic descriptions;

—Clinical and operational research on contraceptive devices e.g. Copper T, oral contraceptives, injectibles and implants, research on male contraceptives.

Opening of Private Government Medical Colleges in Rajasthan

*114. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government and Private Medical colleges functioning in the State of Rajasthan:

(b) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Government/private institutions to set up more medical colleges in the State;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government would entertain applications for the setting up of more medical colleges in Rajasthan by private sector ?

The MINISTER OF HEALTHE AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There are six Government Medical Colleges and no private Medical College in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for establishing a medical college from the Government of Rajasthan. However, there have been two requests from private institutions.

(d) Applications in prescribed form duly recommended by the authorities concerned are considered by the Government.

Japansee Aid For Forestry Projects

*115. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD :
SHRI S. MUTHUMANI :

Will the **MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Japanese Government agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 540 crores for forestry projects in India;

(b) If so, what are the projects in which the Japanese Government have shown interest with details thereof:

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Environment and Forests has sought credit from the above country under the green plan to introduce efficient and clean technologies; and

(d) if so, what was the response from their side with details therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) The Japanese Government is presently providing financial assistance for the Afforestation Project in Aravalli Hills, Rajasthan and the Afforestation and Pasture Development Project along Indira Gandhi Canal Area, Rajasthan. Brief details of the projects are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

In addition a fact Finding Mission of the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of the Japanese Government visited India in February, 1994 ro discuss the possibility of the Japanese Government providing additional assistane for forestry and other projects. The response of the Japanese Government in regard to the selection of the projects as well as the commitment of funds will be available after they have considered the report of the Fact Finding Mission.

Statement

Status of OECF Japan assisted On going projects

The following projects are being implemented with the assistace from OECF Japan.

(i) Afforestation Project in Aravalli Hills, Rajasthean.

The main objectives of the project are to check desertication and restore ecological status by refforestation and also to incresase the production of fuelwood, fodder, timber etc., to meet the local needs. The project cost is Rs. 166.9 crores. The implementation of this project has started from April, 1992 and it has a life of 5 years. The expenditure incurred upto December 1993 is Rs 28 97 crores. An area of 40,340 ha have been covered by December, 1993.

(ii) Afforestation and Pasture Development Project along Indira Gandhi Cannal Area, Rajasthan.

The implementation of this project started in 1991 and it is expected to be completed by March, 1995. The total project cost is Rs. 107 crores. The main objectives of this project are protection of canal, agricultural fields etc., from the desert sands and to meet the local needs of fuel and fodder which are very scarce in this region. Besides the project would also provide employment to the local people.

Upto December 1993 an expenditure of Rs. 25.79 crores has been incurred and 20000 ha. have been covered.